

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of M.A.L. and E.J.L., Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

CANDACE LUST,

Respondent-Appellant.

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May 22, 2003

No. 245198

Macomb Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 00-049483-NA

Before: Whitbeck, C.J., and White and Donofrio, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i) and (g). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that at least one statutory ground for termination had been proved by clear and convincing evidence. *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 450; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). Respondent made minimal efforts to comply with the treatment plan during the first year that the children were in care. Thereafter, she attempted to comply with some aspects of the treatment plan but failed to complete any goals other than parenting classes. She then abandoned all efforts toward reunification and did not appear for the hearing. Further, the trial court's finding regarding the children's best interests was not clearly erroneous. *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 354, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); MCL 712A.19b(5). Therefore, the trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent's parental rights. *Trejo*, *supra* at 356-357.

Affirmed.

/s/ William C. Whitbeck

/s/ Helene N. White

/s/ Pat M. Donofrio